

The Governor's Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives Additional Information

1. To include Community Emergency Response Team Training as a part of your PY2006-07 application:

Disaster Preparedness, Response, Recovery and/or Mitigation

The Governor's Office of Faith-Based & Community Initiatives desires the availability of AmeriCorps members to be assigned to provide assistance in disaster preparedness, response, recovery, and/or mitigation activities. As part of its commitment to community service, each individual program would agree to train its members and staff to assist in disaster preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation activities. In addition, each individual program will be required to submit a plan of action for AmeriCorps members response in the event of a natural disaster or local emergency. The plan for each program will need to include coordination with local and statewide entities (such as Citizen Corps Councils) as well as the designation of a team (minimum of 25%) of members who could be deployed to assist in a disaster situation. Training will be provided to the programs at no additional cost.

The types of events that could impact Alabama include hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, other weather related events and man-made events. Program members, volunteers, and staff, based on the nature of the program, will be trained to assist with any of the following activities: community preparedness education, shelter operations, staffing phone banks, mass feeding, debris removal, community outreach, and other disaster recovery related activities. Program members and volunteers may be requested to provide assistance only within the State of Alabama. Requests for disaster preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation assistance will be made on behalf of the Alabama Governor's Office of Faith-Based & Community Initiatives, through its Executive Director after consulting with the Corporation for National & Community Service and FEMA. All related activities undertaken by a program will be done in coordination with the local office of emergency management. Approved expenses incurred as a result of provider activities related to disaster preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation would be reimbursed according to State of Alabama and Federal regulations. The Commission will furnish each program with additional information about expenditure reimbursement.

A second year member who was trained in the prior year cannot count towards the 25% of trained members for the current year. No more than 25% of the trained members will be required by the GFBCI to respond in the event of an emergency, however greater participation is encouraged. No trained members will be required to respond for more than 8 consecutive days unless directed by the Governor or the Executive Director of the GFBCI.

2. Other Trainings: Program Directors are required to attend all meetings, retreats and other GFBCI sponsored events unless previously excused by the Executive Director. All currently enrolled members and staff are required to attend GFBCI sponsored events. This includes but is not limited to opening and closing ceremonies and state-wide training sessions. In the 2006 Program Year, the GFBCI will work with the programs to incorporate a Return on Investment assessment of each State AmeriCorps Program. No budget allocation needs to be made by the program for this project.